THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No River Valley Project from Andhra Pradesh is currently pending for environmental or forestry clearance.

Revival of 1985 textile policy

279. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1130 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the existing Textile Policy has been revised;

(b) if so, what are salient features of the new policy ;

(c) whether the Government are still committed to the policy of reservation of Certain articles for the exclusive production in the Handloom sector; and

(d) what is the status of litigation pending in verious courts against the orders for reservation of 22 articles for exclusive production by Handlooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The Textile Policy is under review on the basis of the recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 & the Orders issued thereunder were initially challenged in High Courts of Ahemadabad, Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Madras, Kerala & Madhya Pradesh, who grant stay on the operation of the Act and the reservation order. As the point of law involved in all the cases was the same, 32 representative cases from various High Courts were transferred to the Supreme Court so that a decision could be obtained at one point. The Supreme Court however, also maintained the stay on the operation of the Act and orders. The case is still pending for disposal in the Supreme Court.

Misappropriation of funds for Integrated Child Development programmes in Orissa

280. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that the Integrated Child Development Programmes are not being effectively implemented in Orissa;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the misappropriation of funds in Orissa under the Programme;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what corrective steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Programme is being implemented through State Governments and monitored at central level. 134 centrally sponsored ICDS Projects have been sanctioned to Orissa up to 1990-91. Reports received for the quarter ending 31st March, 1991 show that 7,674 anganwadis are providing supplementary nutrition to 7.22 lakh pre-school children and 1.21 lakh expectant women and nursing mothers. 7607 anganwadis are providing non-formal education to 2 lakh pre-school children.

In addition, whenever any backlog in operationalisation of projects or filling of the posts or disruption in feeding pro-

grammes comes to the notice of this Ministry, the State Government is directed to take remedial action.

(b) Government has no information about any instance of misappropriation of funds in Orissa under the ICDS Programme. The State Government has also not brought any such instance to the notice of this Ministry, so far.

(c) and (d). In view of above the question does not arise.

Import of machinery under false declaration

281. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Unikool Bottlers Ltd. have imported two machines on false declaration for their plant at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to set up Gold Bank

282 SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a gold bank;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has been given necessary instructions in the matter; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank of India, in February 1991, communicated to the Government of India through a letter an idea for setting up of a Gold Bank with the objective of acquiring foreign exchange. The issue of setting up of a Gold Bank will arise only after the ideas are examined, proposal is developed and considered by the Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Massive flight of capital from India to South Asian countries

283. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a massive flight of capital from India to South Asian capitals during the last two months;

(b) whether Government have enquired into the reasons of this flight of capital and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken or already taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). There was some evidence that in the last few months capital was flowing out of India. In particular, there was an act outflow on account of non-resident external accounts. However, the direction of these outflow is very difficult to establish.

(c) Government have taken a number of measures to enhance confidence in the Indian rupee and to halt capital outflow. These, include adjustment in the exchange rate of the rupee as well as the fiscal strategy outlined in the Union budget for 1991-92.

Environmental clearance for electric line between Cuddapah and Rajampet in Andhra Pradesh

284. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental clearance has been given for the erection of the 220 KV